

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 18 and 21-24. In response to the rejection of the remaining claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, applicants have amended the claims as indicated above.

It is respectfully submitted that the claim amendments merely clarify the meaning of the claims and do not alter the scope thereof. Furthermore, the amendments are all fully supported by the application as originally filed, and do not raise any issues of new matter. For example, support for the amendment to Claims 19 and 26 can be found at page 6, ¶ [0021] et seq. The amendments to claims 20 and 27 make clear that the amount of the PEG contained in the liquid fraction is controlled such that the resultant electrode contains 0.05-2.0% PEG. See ¶ [0015], and ¶¶ [0021]-[0025]. Entry of the claim amendments and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Applicants further thank the Examiner for the suggestions to the claim amendments and note that many of the claim amendments adopted the examiner's suggestions.

It is further respectfully submitted that all claim objections and rejections have been overcome by the claim amendments and all claims are now in condition for allowance.

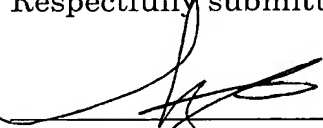
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If it is necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (CAM #080449.50805US).

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